

GIANT FOREST ROUTE (green): Free. Starts 5/26. Giant Forest Museum to Sherman Tree to Lodgepole. Every 15 minutes. First bus 9am, last bus 6pm. ½-hour ride one way. Ask about the 7:30am hiker shuttle from Lodgepole to Wolverton and Crescent Meadow, and the 6:30pm pickup at Wolverton bound for Lodgepole. Kneeling buses.

- Giant Forest Museum / Transfer Point
- Sherman Tree wheelchair-accessible trail Parking with disabled-placard only.
- Sherman Tree - Main Trail & Parking. Park here to walk down to tree.
- Lodgepole Visitor Center , Lodgepole Campground (2 stops)

MORO ROCK/ CRESCENT MEADOW ROUTE (gray): Free. Starts 5/26. Leaves Giant Forest Museum every 15 minutes; stops at Moro Rock only on the outbound trip. First bus 9am, last bus 6pm. 15-minute ride one way. On weekends & holidays, this road is closed to private vehicles without handicapped placards. Park at any shuttle stop and ride a bus. On holidays (5/28-30, 7/2-4, and 9/3-5), you can also park at Wolverton; the shuttle will stop there regularly.

- Giant Forest Museum
- Moro Rock - See description below.
- Crescent Meadow- See description below.

See bulletin boards for shuttle schedules. Be sure to check what time the last bus leaves to get you back to your car.

LODGEPOLE/ WUKSACHI/ DORST ROUTE (blue): Free. Starts 5/26. Every ½ hour. First bus 9am, last bus 5:30pm.

- Lodgepole Visitor Center & Market , Lodgepole Campground (3 stops)
- Wuksachi Restaurant & Lodge
- Starting 6/25 - Dorst Creek Campground (3 stops)

GIANT FOREST TO VISALIA ROUTE: \$15 round trip. No additional park entrance fee. Reservations required; call 1-877-BUS-HIKE or www.sequoiashuttle.com. Two-hour ride each way. Buses leave Visalia for Giant Forest at 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10am. Buses leave Giant Forest for Visalia every hour starting 2:30pm through 6:30pm. 5/26 through 9/25.

SEE SEQUOIA BY SHUTTLE!

Starting May 26th



GIANT FOREST

Snow or ice may still cover some trails, making them slippery and hard to follow. Review safety advice - page 5. You are on your own; travel safely! Starting 5/26, use the shuttle.

GIANT FOREST MUSEUM

The best place to learn about sequoias! Shuttle stop.

BIG TREES TRAIL

A paved, level, 2/3-mile (1 km) loop. Trail-side panels describing sequoia ecology. Start at Giant Forest Museum (parking at the trail is only for cars with placards.) 1 hour round trip.

GENERAL SHERMAN TREE:

Two trails go to the world's largest tree. Starting 5/26, the shuttle stops at the beginning of each:

- **Main Sherman Tree Trail & Parking:** Trail runs 1/2 mile down to the tree; it has some stairs. It is

an uphill walk back to your car. Drive 2 miles (3.2 km) north of Giant Forest Museum (past the small Sherman Tree parking lot only for those with *disabled* placards) to Wolverton Road. Turn right, then follow signs. If you can walk down but the walk back up is too difficult, starting 5/26 you can continue from the tree down the accessible trail to the shuttle stop on the Generals Highway, and ride the *north-bound* shuttle (toward Lodgepole) back to your car.

- **Wheelchair-accessible trail from Generals Highway to Sherman Tree** - parking for those with *disabled* placards only. If you have no placard but can't make the walk down the main trail, ask at any visitor center for a temporary permit or, starting 5/26, take the shuttle.

CONGRESS TRAIL: A fairly level 2-mile loop (3.2 km) from the Sherman Tree into the grove.

MORO ROCK/ CRESCENT MEADOW

Read shuttle information above. No drinking water is available on this 3-mile, dead-end road starting at Giant Forest Museum. From 5/26 through 9/25, use a shuttle. During that time, single vehicles more than 22 feet long and those towing anything are prohibited, except those displaying valid disabled-parking placards. Road is closed to vehicles without placards on weekends & holidays. Highlights:

MORO ROCK: A granite dome with a steep 1/4-mile (.4 km) staircase to the summit (300 foot /91 m elevation gain) and a spectacular view. Two miles (3.2 km) from the Generals Highway. Shuttle stop.

TUNNEL LOG: A fallen sequoia that was tunneled through; the only "tree you can drive through" in these parks. There is a by-pass for larger vehicles. 2.7 miles (4.3 km) from the Museum.

CRESCENT MEADOW: A meadow of summer flowers. Use only fallen logs to walk into meadows. Try the 1-mile (1.6 km) route to Tharp's Log, a cabin in a fallen sequoia, or the High Sierra Trail (71 miles/114 km to Mt. Whitney, 14,494 feet /4417 m). Shuttle stop.

NEARBY TRAILS

TOKOPAH FALLS: 1.7 miles (2.7 km) along a river, ending at cliffs & a waterfall. Be careful by the water! Start in Lodgepole Campground (a shuttle stop). For the 500-foot/152-meter elevation gain, allow 2-1/2 to 3 hours.

THE FOOTHILLS

The low elevations host more different plants and animals than the rest of the parks. Watch for ticks and poison oak.

HOSPITAL ROCK PICNIC AREA:

Exhibits about the Western Mono people who once lived here and a very short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a cascade. Careful; drownings often occur here! Always store food from bears.

MARBLE FALLS TRAIL climbs 3.7 miles (6 km) to a waterfall. Park across the main road from Potwisha (no non-camper parking in campground). From the trailhead near site #14, follow the dirt road across the concrete ditch; the trail starts along the steep bank to the right.

PARADISE CREEK: At Buckeye Flat Campground, take the path across from site #28 across the footbridge over the Middle Fork. Follow Paradise Creek (not the Middle Fork) for 1-1/2 miles (1.6 km) until the trail grows faint.

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See page 8 for information.